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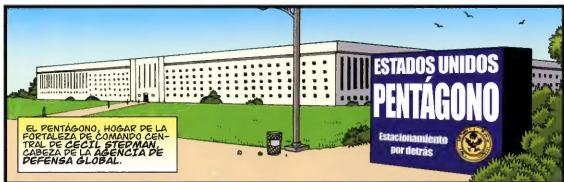
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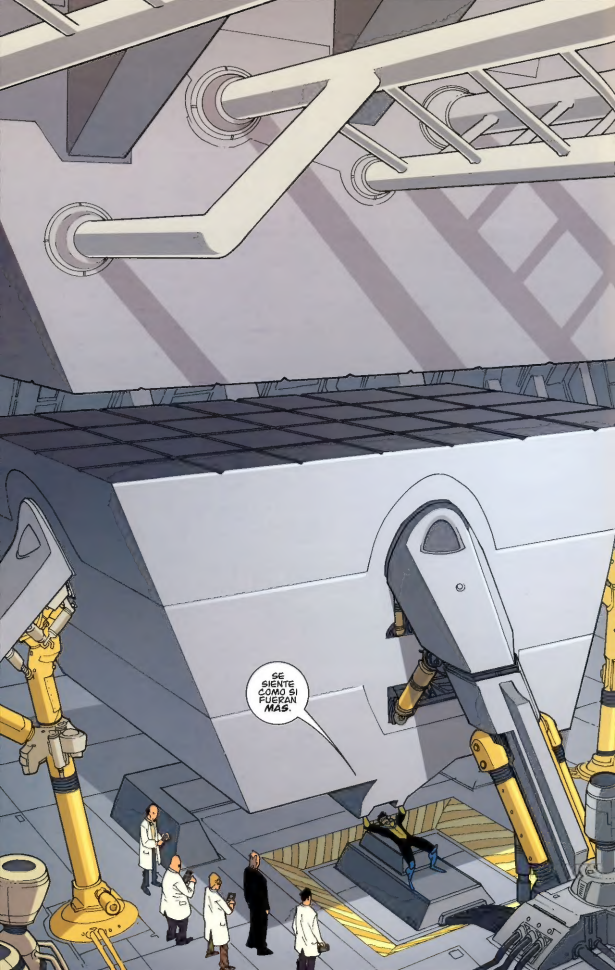
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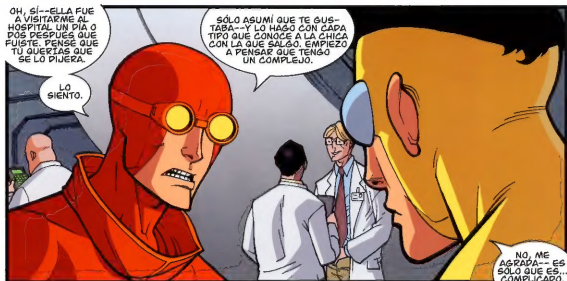
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QUE DETENER
A MI HERMANO
ANTES DE QUE
HAGA ALGO
ESTUPIDO.





SE
SIENTE
COMO SI
FUERAN
MAS.







AL OTRO LADO DE
LA CIUDAD-- EL
SMITHSONIANO.

RÁPIDO,
RÁPIDO, RÁPIDO--
DEBEMOS
ALEJARNOS DE
ESTOS MATONES
Y EMPEZAR A
MOVERNOS.

¡VAMOS,
FIGHTMASTER!
LO DIGO EN SERIO!
ENTRAR, SALIR--ESE
ERA EL PLAN. NO PODE-
MOS ARRIESGARNOS A
SER DETECTADOS AQUÍ,
¡TENEMOS QUE PRE-
SERVAR LA LÍNEA
TEMPORAL!

POR FAVOR,
DROP KICK--
CALMATE, SE LO QUE
HAGO. SERÁN AL MENOS
DOS PUNTO NUEVE MINUTOS
MAS ANTES DE QUE LAS
AUTORIDADES CONVEN-
CIONALES DE ESTE
PERIODO DE TIEMPO
RESPONDAN.



¿ENTONCES LO QUE ME DICES ES QUE NO TE VAS A EMPAREJAR CON EVE? PORQUE HE ESTADO CON EVE... Y SI PENSABA QUE PODRIA ENMENRAR LAS COSAS ENTRE NOSOTROS, LO HARIA.

¡ELLA ES FABULOSA!

MIRA--HABLAR DE ESTO CONTIGO ES RARO.QUE TANTO TIEMPO SALIERON JUNTOS?

OH, ES RÁPIDO.

TRES AÑOS...CASI. FUIMOS COMPAÑEROS CONTRA EL CRIMEN POR CORTO TIEMPO ANTES DE SALIR--PERO IGUAL TOMO EN CUENTA ESE TIEMPO.

AUNQUE, CREEME--AHORA ELLA ME OPIA, TERMINAMOS COMPLETAMENTE Y DEFINITIVAMENTE. LO ARRUINE.

KRAKI!

NO LO SÉ, VIEJO--QUIZÁS LO ARRUINÉ, TAMBIEN. APRECIO EL APOYO PERO SIMPLEMENTE NO CREO QUE ESTO VAYA A FUNCIONAR.

NAYA QUE ERES RÁPIDO!

¡ASI QUE AHORA ES TU OPORTUNIDAD, AMIGO!

KRAOON!

¿CUAL ES EL PROBLEMA--TU LE AGRADA... ELLA LE AGRADA... QUIERES QUE ESTO SUCEDA, ¿VERDAD?

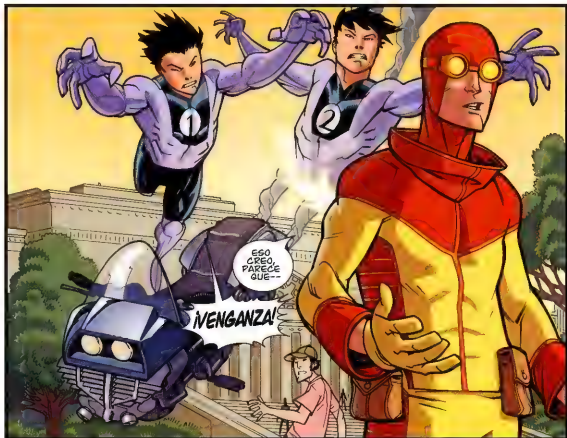
POR CIERTO, EL MIO YA CAYO--SEÑOR "NO NECESITO AYUDA DE REX".

CLARO QUE SI--ES SÓLO QUE AHORA TENGO EN QUE PENSAR--COMO ESTA PELEA, POR EJEMPLO.

TENGO QUE CONTENERME, NO QUIERO MATAR A ESTE SUJETO, Y NO PUEDO MOVERME TAN RÁPIDO CUANDO ME CONTIENGO.

¿CUÁN PODEROSA FUE ESA EXPLOSION--EL TUYO AUN SIGUE VIVO, ¿NO?

WHIPPI!



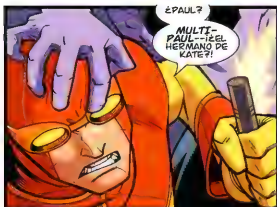
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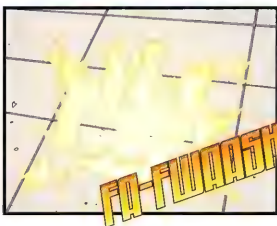
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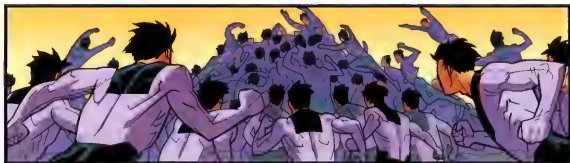
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DEJASTE
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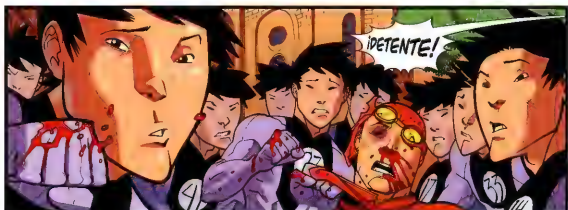
¡MATASTE
A NUESTRA
HERMANA!











¿QUÉ
DIABLOS,
PAUL?!

¿ACASO TE
HAS VUELTO LOCO?
DETEN ESTO--ELLOS
SON MIS AMIGOS.
ESTÁS ACTUANDO
COMO UN
MANIACO.



NO SABÍA SI HABÍAS
TOMADO MI CONSEJO DE
ESCONDER A TU COPIA
CERO PARA QUE VIVAS A
TRAVÉS DE LA UNO... ES-
PERABA QUE LO HUBIE-
SES HECHO, PERO
PASÓ TANTO TIEMPO
LUEGO DE TU
MUERTE...

SABES QUE NUNCA ME
AGRADO ESE TAL REX...
POR LO QUE ME
ESCRIBISTE. ÉL ES UNA
HORRIBLE PERSONA AUN
NO CREO QUE NO HAYA
TENIDO ALGO QUE VER
CON TUS MUERTES.
NO CONFÍO EN
ÉL.

¡HEY!

ELLA PUEDE
DECÍRTELO-- AHORA
MISMO, DÍCELO, KATE.
NO TÚVE NADÁ QUE
VER CON TU
MUERTE.

**¡DÍCE-
LO!**

INO LE HABLES
DE ESA MANERA!
TERMINARE LO
QUE EMPECE--

PAUL,
DETENTE.
ESTE NO É
MOMENTO
PARA--

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HACES?

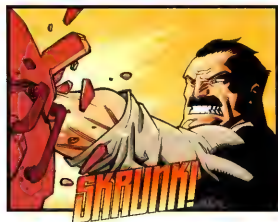
BUENO,
YA FUE--

RETROCEDE,
INMORTAL

TÓMATE UN
SEGUNDO PARA
MIRAR A TU AL
REDEDOR, KATE.
ÉVES LO QUE H
OCASIONADO TU
HERMANO?

HIZO
TODO ESTO
POR NADA. EL
NOS DETUVO A REX
Y A MÍ DE PREVENIR
UN ROBO. EL PUSO
EN PELIGRO LAS
VIDAS DE
CIVILES.

ITU
HERMANO
VA SIN
DUDARLO
A LA
CARCEL!







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INVINCIBLE PRINCIPALS

Hey! Look at that we lost a bit of time. Sorry about all that... Comic-Con kind of wrecked our schedule. We'll be trying to get back on track before the big issue 50 hits. So bear with us.

Enough of that whining... let's answer some mail.

Hey Robert,

I have been reading Invincible since right after the second TPB came out and I just wanted to let you know that in my honest opinion you have the best comic book on the market right now. I was reading the last Invincibles (issue 43), and I noticed the letter about saying the word Jesus. I kinda got mad. Maybe I shouldn't have but it made me start thinking about religious standpoints in comics. I find it very VERY weird for someone to complain about Saying of 'Jesus' name in vain but then talking about your comic as if it would be "accepted" in the higher rung of comic book titles. I didn't find that very nice at all. You may not have the sales of Spidey or Supes but God damn (you can edit that if you want to publish haha) is your book better. And honestly if they are going to be bugged by a few choice words such as Jesus, that's pretty silly considering the fact that you have one of the bloodiest books I've seen aside from a horror oriented comic, and where are the complaints on that? It's raw and real, and that's why I read. I hope that letters from specific religions never sway you, which I assume they won't since I've read all of Battle Pope and know your stand on the subject. Thanks for such a great comic. You keep writing 'em and I'll keep reading 'em. Oh, one more thing. I would actually like MORE random Jesus quotes and such. That'd be great...haha

Nathan

More "Jesus" got that... I'll get right on it. Anything I can do to alienate any part of my fan base... I'll do it. Honestly, I don't mind people complaining about it but it's not going to change the way I do things. I gotta stay true to the streets, you know what I'm saying?

P.S. A complete side note. The heroclix are awesome. and I love playing invincible or omniman at my local tournament and they all look at me like I made some random custom figure. Haha. Love it. Hope to see more.

Yeah, the HEROclix are quite awesome... I think the folks at WizKids did a bang up job on those... very sweet!

YE GODS!

The cover to #44, all boobs and blood? I think you've been hanging around with Dave Campbell too much while he was writing chunks of your A-Z and the entire-series-recap back in #42; his dangerous fascination with Boob War seems to have rubbed off on you.

Wow, I didn't know Dave was a boob man... of course, he's a male human being... so I could have just assumed... but whatever.

You have no idea what I'm going on about, do you?

Yeah, not really. Sorry.

Anyway, great issue, and it's interesting to see a female Viltrumite (but no facial hair?), although from the looks of things, it seems that Vince is going to get bashed about by her too, despite his recent gains in power. Perhaps Allen has "evolved" enough to be able to beat a Viltrumite? But then the Coalition's secret weapon will have been revealed, perhaps before the Coalition is ready! Exciting stuff.

Yeah, Frank Cho made a good suggestion about where her mustache is... but I can't exactly mention it here. Oh, screw it... I'm sure there's not that

many kids reading this letters column... her mustache is on her lower back.

And tell your art buds that they did a great job of that double-page spread of the sea monster. Ottley and Crabtree are one of the best art teams in comics right now, and that's a fact. Or at least a forcefully-held opinion.

I agree.

Oh, and regarding the narrative captions? I say keep them. They don't detract from the storytelling at all, and too few comics use them nowadays, but you use them well, so keep using them.

Think I will, thanks.

Okay, that's all. Good stuff again, Kirkman; the run to #50 is proving to be an exciting one!

Cheers!

- kelvin green

Yeah, 50 is going to be a hoot and a half! Stay tuned!

Mr. Kirkman,
WOW! That's all I can say about this amazing series you have made. I'd heard about it from other people who said it was great, but I never picked it up because I didn't want to be lost. Then comes #42 priced at a sweet \$1.99. I thoroughly enjoyed it and the recap in the back was a very nice addition. So, I went out and bought the two hardcovers and Vols. 6, 7, & 8 in tpb form. And the art! Not enough praise can be given to Mr. Walker and Ottley. The series truly is awesome, heck, it's even better than The Walking Dead. I do have a few questions though.

1) What's happening with Damien? I forget who asked, but some character asked why he was still investigating Omni-Man's murder of the Guardians. I remember him saying something about new evidence.

No, he wasn't watching the news when Omni-Man did his thing in issues 11-13... so Damien was still on the job until issue 14 or so when he learned the case had been solved. He's been laying low since then... mostly due to shame. I'm sure we'll see him again soon.

2) Will we see Furnace again? That character design is just so awesome.

Eventually... but not before 50. Probably soon though.

3) What happened to Titan and Isotope? They took over Machine Head's gang and we never heard from them again.

Someone needs to buy our next issue... or rather, EVERYONE needs to buy our next issue.

4) Was having Mark graduate High School and move into college so quickly a nod to how fast Spider-Man went through school?

Not really... it was just sort of time for it to happen, I guess.

5) Anymore Midnight City or Atlantis coming up?

Eventually, yes.

Thanks, and continue the great work.
-Steven Sanders

I'll do my best... but no promises.

Dear Kirk-man,

This is the first time I've ever written to an writer/comic book, but it's 4 a.m. and I have nothing else to do now that I have thoroughly enjoyed Invincible #44. I just wanted to say that Invincible and The Walking Dead are two of three comics that I still regularly make a point of reading, and that I have never been disappointed in either one. I can't figure out what it is about your writing, but somehow my suspension-of-disbelief is never broken. I don't like how many of the writers today have to justify everything to make the reader think that what they're reading could actually happen. To me, that's not what comics are about, and I'd like to thank you for never doing that (but then again, you've never needed to, so lucky you).

I think the more unbelievable things are the better... but that's just me.

I read a blurb about Invincible on the internet, and the next day I felt the need to pick up the first trade. Then I got the next few, and then the singles, and I've been following it ever since. I think I picked it up at the perfect time to because I was ending high school at the same time as Mark, so I guess I could relate to that or something. I don't know, I'm not a psych major. A lot of people who grew up with Spider-man felt they could relate to him though so that's probably it. I'm about to start my third year at college, and Mark's only thinking about quitting his first, but I still love this damn comic (and I'm way jealous of Mark).

Yeah, I think everyone should quit college after their first year.

Anyways, keep up the great work. I dread the day you might disappoint me, but I'll forgive you when it does.

Sincerely, (I mean that)
Cory O.

I'll be ready to cash in on that offer of forgiveness sooner or later I'm sure... so thanks for that.

P.S. If Invincible ever makes it to the big screen, consider Joseph Gordon-Levitt for the role of Mark.

Duly noted.

Dear Captain Kirkman,

This issue, while great I thought, featured the one major complaint that I've been using all along: No names! This viltrumite lady didn't have a name!! 'Vince didn't even ask for her name. Why do you think I hated Capes? Cause I didn't get to know the names of any of the characters! Not even the bald guy with the blue costume. Not all of the Capes even wore capes! But this issue was great. Even better? Firebreather, who I've admittedly barely read but who I like from a distance, is getting his own book; it has Kirkman's stamp all over it, too, cause the three guys doing it are three he has worked with extensively. In fact, Firebreather should have probably had his own series the entire time that Invincible has! They debuted at the same time, right? Along with Venture and some Clock Maker guy. So how long b4 Venture can have His own series?? The whole Viltrumite "We're really here to help" thing is a little too "V" the mini-series/ tv show for me; plus Viltrumite starts with a v.

Nonetheless, issue #50 should be worth reading. So how come Mark has completely black hair...while Invincible has shinier hair? Is it just that 'Vince is closer to the Sun, or something? I don't mind either way really. I saw Kill Bill Volume 1, yes.

Sincerely,
Andrew J. Shaw

All over the map, Andrew... but I love you for it. Anissa (that's her name) was supposed to be named... but it totally slipped through without making it into dialogue (it was all over the script). So for those of you who missed out, all of you, it's Anissa, sorry about that. I'll probably add a balloon into the TPB but sadly, that doesn't help you cats.

Kirkley Crabton,
Sheesh. Again. I seriously think every issue is better than the one before it. Every panel gets knocked out of the park. From cover to letters page, everything seems to be getting easier and easier for y'all. I am truly humbled to even be allowed to purchase such a product. Heh.

No, really... tell me how you really feel.

The thing that killed me in ish 44 (besides an omnipotent female Viltrumite) was the center panel on page 2. The amount of emotion displayed just by having Eve brush back her hair with her hand was...I don't know. It was amazing. One thing I've grown to love in this book is that you guys do dialogue SO well. It should be boring or something to have so much dialogue in a superhero book (although I AM a big fan of exposition), shouldn't it? Not here.

Thanks.

And again Ottley destroys me with his splash page. This time of a cruise ship getting attacked...

If he accidentally printed that out as a wall-hanging, framed it, and mailed it to me, that would be just fine.

Questions? Okay.

1) I LOVE the T-shirts and posters you guys throw into the background. Any significance to William's shirt with the naked woman riding a giant bird?

I had to ask Ryan about this one and he said "That's Jack Black... from the Tenacious D movie. It was on a tarot card. Loser." Screw you Ryan... how should I know?

2) Do Viltrumite women have moustaches? And if so, what kind of electrolysis did she have to use?

See above reply to a previous email.

3) Was Professor Varner modeled after a professor you had?

Funny story. Well, first, I've never had a "professor" because I didn't get to college, but most of the teachers in this book are named after teachers I had. Mr. Hiles and Mr. Varner were both high school science teachers I had. But anyway, I didn't give Ryan any reference for Varner (and he was a nice guy, not a jerk like the comic book Varner) I just used the name in the script... but when the page came back, Ryan had totally drawn him pretty much exactly like Mr. Varner, my high school biology teacher. Pretty bizarre actually.

4) Would you prettypleasewithsugarontop print my letter so the dudes at my comic shop (Comicazi) stop making fun of me? I'm only 5 months old and this is my first letter EVER!!! As in, I've never written a letter before to ANYONE...this is actually my first time on the Internets!

Done and done. Congrats.

Anyway, you guys are the best around. Teflon-coated. Almost...invincible?

Later dudes!
Dan "Kentucky" Benningfield

Kentucky, huh? Nice place, eh?

That'll do it for letters this month.

This month's pin-up is by TIM FISCHER, who sent me the attached pin-up shortly after issue 23 shipped... y'know... two years or so ago! I just recently found a few disks in my studio and this was one of them. This is what happens when people send me CDs.

If anyone out there has sent in a pin-up in the past that never ran, and you still have it and would like it to appear, please contact me. If it's been a while since you gave it to me I may have lost it... so sorry about that, and please resend.

I'm really not good at keeping track of anything.

Let's see if we can't get issue 47 out before too long.

See you then!

-Robert Kirkman



NEXT ISSUE



**THE COUNTDOWN TO ISSUE 50
BEGINS HERE!**

Ryan